

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 2404

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to partial confinement in sentences of one year or less.

Sponsors: Representatives Lovick and Ballasiotes.

Hearing: January 26, 2000

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

BACKGROUND:

Alternatives to total confinement are available for offenders with sentences of one year or less. These alternatives include the following sentence conditions that the court may order as a substitute for total confinement:

- one day of partial confinement may be substituted for one day of total confinement;
- for offenders convicted of nonviolent offenses, eight hours of community service may be substituted for one day of total confinement, with a maximum conversion limit of 240 hours or 30 days; and
- jails may convert jail confinement time for non-violent/non-sex offenders into an available county supervised alternative program and may require the offender to perform affirmative conduct.

SUMMARY OF BILL:

Up to two days, instead of one day, of partial confinement time, may be substituted for one day of total confinement. This sentence condition is an option that courts may use as a substitute for total confinement time in a county jail for offenders receiving a sentence of one year or less.

FISCAL NOTE: Requested on January 19, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of a session in which bill is passed.